



# Fayette County Fair Queen Scholarship Pageant Contestant Questionnaire and Handbook 2023

May 15, 2023

Dear Contestant,

Thank you for your interest in this year's Fayette County Fair Queen's Scholarship Pageant. This is a great opportunity for you to earn scholarship money to further your education, meet new people in your community, increase your social skills and serve your community through serving as a "face and spokesperson" for this year's county fair!

Please complete the questionnaire and provide a photo to be published in the local newspapers and our Facebook page as well as the Notice of Contestant Intent, Handbook Receipt and Rule Acknowledgement Form. These forms must be returned via email to FCFQUEENTX@GMAIL.COM no later than the deadline of **FRIDAY, JUNE 16, at 4:00 pm or before all 10 spots have been filled, whichever is sooner.**

THE FAYETTE COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION WILL ACCEPT THE FIRST 10 CONTESTANTS THAT TURN IN THEIR **COMPLETED APPLICATION AND PHOTO** via email. Once the 10 spots for Queen have been filled, recruitment will be CLOSED.

We will then see you at the required contestant's meeting and ticket kickoff event on Thursday, June 30 at 6:00 pm to be held at Fayette County Fairground's Exhibit Hall!

If you have any questions or need any assistance, please do not hesitate in contacting Queen's Scholarship Pageant Chairpersons via call or text:

- Shannon Hemmitt at 979/639-1776
- Shelbi Lange at 512/470-7746

Thank you so much for your interest and we look forward to turning 2023 into a great one!

## 2023 Fayette County Fair Queen Contestant Handbook

1. Contestant must have been at birth, born as a female; and be classified as a Freshman, Sophomore, Junior or Senior in a Fayette County School or be Home Schooled within Fayette County in the 2023/24 school year. Contestant, if chosen Queen or a part of the queen's court, must remain enrolled as a student unless graduating in the spring.
2. Contestant's male escort for the Queen's pageant event must have the same scholastic status and age qualifications, and must be, and must have been at birth, born a male.
3. Contestant must in good standing within the community and school to promote a positive image, be in good health and have moral character.
4. Contestant must be single, never married, not given birth to a child or currently expecting a child.
5. Contestant must not engage in activities that if disclosed in public would result in bringing the contestant or Fair Association ridicule or embarrassment, including but not limited to inappropriate behavior on social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat, TikTok etc), any use of illegal drugs, alcohol, any illegal behavior or activity, professional or amateur nude or seminude dancing or modeling in any sexually oriented business or club, any type of nude or seminude photographs or video tapes, any felony convictions, deferred adjudication or probation, any conviction for a misdemeanor crime involving moral turpitude.
6. Contestants, parents, families, sponsors will be upheld to a NO BULLYING policy. Bullying is defined as intentional aggressive behavior that can take many forms (verbal, physical, direct, indirect and cyber bullying). Bullying can be one individual bullying another, a group ganging up against an individual, or targeting a group. No bullying will be tolerated towards other contestants, families, fair volunteers, business owners, fair patrons, etc. Acts of bullying can result in a warning and/or disqualification depending on the severity of aggression displayed.
7. Contestant understands that she nor family/members will disclose to anyone via verbal, text, social media, print including posters, brochures or business cards, etc. her intent of running for 2023 Fayette County Fair Queen until the formal announcement is made via newspaper, radio and official fair website

and Facebook page (approximately June 22, 2023). Under penalty of \$500.00 total sales deduction for violation.

8. Contestants will be sponsored by a Fayette County Non-Profit Organization. The Non-Profit Organization will provide their EIN number for our records as the organization receives 10% of the contestant's total season pass sales as a donation. The sponsor will support the contestant in her sale of tickets, this can include but not limited to: covering the cost of signage and banners, assisting in sale of tickets, listed as a contact persons on materials to buy tickets, organize/host special ticket sale events within the community, etc. There is not an entry fee to participate in the queen's contest.
9. The first 10 contestants completing their form, photo and consent will be accepted for the Queen's pageant. All forms and photo must be scanned and submitted electronically to email: [fcfqueentx@gmail.com](mailto:fcfqueentx@gmail.com)
10. Contestant must return **Completed Contestant Form and Photo** to be submitted to the newspapers and Notice of Contestant Intent Handbook Receipt and Rule Acknowledgement Form no later than 4:00 pm on Friday, June 16, 2023 or prior to the first 10 spots being filled to be considered as a Queen's Contestant. If you are contestant number 11, you will be placed as an alternate if any situation should arise for the first 10 contestants prior to the June 22<sup>nd</sup> announcement.
11. All tickets will be issued at the June 29, 2023 Contestant's meeting.
  - Season passes to be sold at a price of \$35 each.
12. Season pass totals will be tallied by number of tickets sold.
13. Season passes will be sold online via [FayetteCountyFair.org](http://FayetteCountyFair.org) and can be purchased through the contestants NAME. A URL will be provided to you for a direct link.
14. If you wish to "partner" with a Jr Miss contestant, this is encouraged but not required as they will be selling Carnival Passes while you are selling Season Passes.
15. Photos to be judged in the "Miss Photogenic" contest must be submitted by 5:00 pm on July 17, 2023. This photo must be a **submitted to** [\*\*fcfqueentx@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:fcfqueentx@gmail.com)
16. **Awards:**
  - Queen-\$2800 (minimum) scholarship, crown, sash, trophy, gift basket
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up-\$2300 (minimum) scholarship, crown, sash, trophy
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner Up-\$1800 scholarship (minimum), crown, sash, trophy

Miss Photogenic- trophy, gift card  
 Miss Congeniality- trophy, gift card  
 Miss Poise and Beauty- trophy, gift card

**All contestants must sell at least 50 season passes to receive the \$300 scholarship, the participant prize bag filled with gift cards and gifts from area businesses in addition to participating in the Pageant. Volunteers work endless hours preparing for a night that everyone will remember, we want you to give 100% as well!**

17. Incentive scholarship monies for placing queens are available as chart explains here with sales over 500 season passes:

# of Passes Sold	Queen	1 <sup>st</sup> Runner Up	2 <sup>nd</sup> Runner Up	Remaining contestants (selling at least 50 passes)
BASE	2800	2300	1800	300
500	2900	2400	1900	400
600	3000	2500	2000	500
700	3100	2600	2100	600
800	3200	2700	2200	700
900	3300	2800	2300	800
1000	3400	2900	2400	900
<b>**Any sales over 1000, will continue to increase by 100 with the added scholarship award increased by \$100.</b>				

18. Contestants must attend the Fair Appreciation Dinner at the Fairgrounds on Sunday, August 27 at 6:00 pm wearing the 2023 Fayette County Fair T-shirt along with jeans. You will receive this T-shirt at the bank when you turn in your ticket sales. The contestant's sponsors and parents are also invited and encouraged to attend.
19. Ticket monies are turned in every Monday to the queen's account (Bank TBD) you will be provided with deposit slips for each week at the ticket meeting.
20. Contestant or anyone representing the contestant may not contact the management of any of the musicians playing at the fair to link their ticket sales to them directly. This can deem the contact between the FCF and the artist, null and void and are grounds for immediate termination from the Scholarship Pageant.
21. Contestant must turn in all ticket sale proceeds on Wednesday, August 30 at 5:30 pm. Sale proceeds not turned in by 6:00 pm will be subject sales account of the tardy contestant to a penalty of \$500.00 at 6:01 pm with the same

penalty applied for each 15 minutes of tardiness thereafter. The Queen Pageant rehearsal will follow.

22. The Fair Queen Pageant will be held the evening of Thursday, August 31. Contestant must be present and ready for presentation with escort at 6:30 pm (subject to change). All gowns must be in good taste and not too revealing. Contestants will wait for the pageant to begin in an air-conditioned facility. After contestant's arrival, only touch-ups to hair and make-up will be permitted. Only the contestant will be allowed in the make ready area due to limited space.
23. We understand that the Queen and Queen's Court are expected to participate to the fullest extent possible in the parades and public events scheduled for the Fall/Winter and Spring/Summer, and in no less the 80% of the events scheduled. Tentative schedule is 20 parades for the year and 2 community service activities. Fayette County parades are required participation by the court. In each event, the participant must dress appropriately and wear the proper attire. Should the expected participation be difficult or impossible due to intervening factors, the Chairperson shall be contacted at the earliest opportunity. The Queen, 1st Runner Up and 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner Up will be riding the float. The court is asked to download the GROUPME app for group text information and updates.
24. If for any reason should the Fair Queen not be able to fulfill her duties in accordance to these rules and regulations, the 1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up shall be named Fair Queen and duly authorized to perform in this capacity.
25. The sole authority and judgement as to the sufficient performance or deficiency in performance of a contestant is stipulated to be within the sole discretion of the Board of Directors of the Fayette County Fair Association upon report and recommendation of the Queen Contest Committee Chairperson.

A contestant may be disqualified, and a reigning Queen or member of the Queen's Court may be removed and her scholarship forfeited at any time within the sole and absolute discretion of the Board of Directors of the Fayette County Fair Association.

We understand that we should make inquiry and receive approval from the Chairperson when we have questions. We and the Chairperson will always strive to be civil and cooperative in resolving problems and issues.

26. Contestants will be issued a second phone number and/or phone to assist in marketing and sales. Your number will be assigned to you on June 30 at the ticket meeting. Contestants are advised not to use personal phone numbers for marketing and sales activity. However, this is optional and know it is a family affair.
27. We understand that the Fayette County Fair Association has no insurance coverage for health care or accidental injury to contestants, volunteers or family; nor liability coverage for any acts of contestants, queen, queen's court, volunteers and family.
28. To the extent provided by law, contestant, queen, queen's court, parent(s), and guardian(s) release, indemnify, and hold harmless the Fayette County Fair Association from any damage or injury to contestant, queen, queen's court, parent(s), and guardian(s), and volunteers while participating in furtherance of the contestant, queen, or queen's court activities, and any damage or injury to others by such activities,
29. We consent to the use of the contest, queen, queen's court likeness, photo, video, voice and biographic information for ticket sale and other Fair publicity, and the retention as an archive of Fayette County Fair Queen Contest history.

We and each one of us agree that the terms and requirements stated are fair and reasonable and each of us agree to abide by them.

## Quick Guide of Important Information and Dates

- Fair Theme: Cowboy Mardi Gras
  - Prizes:
    - Queen-\$2800 scholarship (minimum), crown, sash, trophy, gift basket
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    - Miss Photogenic- trophy, gift card
    - Miss Congeniality- trophy, gift card
    - Miss Poise and Beauty- trophy, gift card

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  - Fair Entertainers are as follows:
    - Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup>: **DJ Superman** will open for **La Lexxion**
    - Saturday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Drew Baldrige** will open for Texas Country's **Kyle Park**
    - Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup>: **Pryor Baird** will open for County Music Icon **Pam Tillis**
- This information can be printed on your posters and printed material.**
- PLEASE understand that you nor your family/members shall disclose to anyone via verbal, text, social media, print including posters, brochures or business cards, etc. your intent of running for 2023 Fayette County Fair Queen until the formal announcement is made via newspaper, radio and official fair website and Facebook page (approximately June 22, 2023).
  - Tickets go on sale July 1, 2023 to patrons.
  - You can begin hanging posters, posting on social media, passing out cards, calling customers, etc on June 29, 2023 after the fair ticket meeting! Don't jump the gun, PLEASE!!
  - Fair tickets will be distributed at the REQUIRED ticket meeting on Thursday, June 29, 2023 at 6:00 pm at the Fayette County Fair Grounds Exhibit Hall (400 W Fairgrounds Rd, La Grange, Texas 78945).

- Season Passes are required to be sold at \$35 each. In case someone asks, the daily admission to the fair is as follows:

*Thursday - Free to all*

*Friday - \$10.00*

*Saturday - \$30.00*

*Sunday - \$20.00*

*Children 5 and under - free every day*

*Children 6-15 years: free before 6 PM each day, after 6 PM the daily price*

- Online season ticket sales will be offered for the contestants, you will receive a URL for your online sales the week of June 19<sup>th</sup> after the contestants are released.
- Contestants must turn in all ticket sale proceeds on Wednesday, August 30, 2023 at 5:30 pm. Sales not turned in by 6:00 pm will be subject to a penalty of \$500.00 at 6:01 pm with the same penalty applied for each 15 minutes of tardiness thereafter.
- The Queen Pageant rehearsal will follow at 6:30 pm on August 30, bring your shoes and your escort.
- The Fair Queen Pageant will be on Thursday, August 31, 2023. Contestant must be present and ready for presentation with escort at TIME TBD. All gowns must be in good taste and not too revealing. Contestants will wait for the pageant to begin in an air-conditioned facility. After contestant's arrival, only touch-ups to hair and make-up will be permitted.
- The Queen's court will receive a schedule of activities to attend for the weekend of the fair, the court is the face of the fair and is expected to be on the grounds to appear at events with their crown and sash.



## **JUNE - SEPTEMBER 2023**

(subject to change)

6/16: All paperwork & photo (for newspaper) due by 4 pm

6/22: Contestants released in newspapers, on radio and online on Facebook!

6/29: Ticket meeting, 6: 00 pm at Exhibit Hall. Posters, Contestant Facebook Pages, may go LIVE after the meeting. This ensures that you have the accurate information needed to display.

7/1: Ticket sales begin!!

7/10: Required Bank Deposit

7/17: Required Bank Deposit, Most Photogenic photos due via email by 5:00 pm

7/24: Required Bank Deposit

7/31: Required Bank Deposit

8/7: Required Bank Deposit

8/14: Required Bank Deposit, Escort's name due.

8/21: Required Bank Deposit

8/26: Fair Kick Off Activities: Commercial Heifer Sale, BBQ Cookoff, etc

8/27: Fair Kick Off Dinner at the Fairgrounds

8/28: Last Required Bank Deposit

8/30: Final ticket turn in, 5:30 pm. Pageant Practice, 6:30 pm.

8/31: Pageant, Opening night of the Fair!

9/2: Parade for Court

9/3: Final day of the fair

9/9: Parade in Columbus

**Notice of Contestant Intent, Handbook Receipt and Rule Acknowledgement**

- I, \_\_\_\_\_, (contestant’s name) understand that I nor my family/members will disclose to anyone via verbal, text, social media, print including posters, brochures or business cards, etc. my intent of running for 2023 Fayette County Fair Queen until the formal announcement is made via newspaper, radio and official fair website and Facebook page (approximately June 22, 2023). Under penalty of \$500.00 total sales deduction for violation.
- I acknowledge that I may begin hanging posters and/or banners, handing out business cards, posting on any social media and/or website with a contestant page, etc. on June 29, 2023.
- I acknowledge that I may begin selling tickets on July 1, 2022.
- I have received the Fayette County Fair Queen Contestant Handbook and abide with the rules stated within.
- I understand that all information must be completed by the deadlines stated with all proper signatures and turned in to the Pageant Chairperson to be considered as a Queen’s Contestant.
- I will be attending the REQUIRED meeting and ticket kickoff event on Thursday, June 29 at 6:00 pm at the Fayette County Fair Grounds Exhibit Hall (400 W Fairgrounds Rd, La Grange, Texas 78945).

Contestant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

[COMPLETE, SCAN AND EMAIL THIS FORM TO FCFQUEENTX@GMAIL.COM](mailto:FCFQUEENTX@GMAIL.COM)

## Fayette County Fair Queen Contestant Form

**\*\*Digital photos must be emailed to [fcfqueentx@gmail.com](mailto:fcfqueentx@gmail.com) in JPEG format\*\***

Contestant Name (how do you want it to run in all publications)		
Non-Profit Organization Contestant is Representing:		
EIN # of Organization (for payment to organization, 10% of season ticket sales):		
Student's Grade for 2023/2024 School Year:	Year of Graduation:	
School Contestant is Attending:		
Hobbies:		
Organizations, School, Church Activities, Volunteer Work, etc.		
Future Plans after Graduating:		
Address		
City	State	Zip
Contestant Primary Phone Number	Contestant Email	
Mother's Name	Father's Name	
Mom's Primary Phone Number	Dad's Primary Phone Number	
Mom's Email	Dad's Email	

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